

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed the H.R. 5020, Intelligence Authorization Act for FY 2007.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S3527–S3634*

**Measures Introduced:** Eleven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2652–2662, and S. Res. 446–447. **Pages S3588–89**

**Measures Passed:**

*Recognizing Crop Science Society of America:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 446, recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Crop Science Society of America. **Pages S3631–32**

*Congratulating University of Wisconsin Men's Hockey Team:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 447, congratulating the University of Wisconsin Badgers men's hockey team for winning the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Hockey Championship. **Page S3632**

**Emergency Supplemental Appropriations:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S3532–68, S3632–34**

**Adopted:**

By 59 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 94), Gregg Modified Amendment No. 3594, to provide, with an offset, emergency funding for border security efforts.

**Pages S3532–43**

Durbin Amendment No. 3632, to ensure that a Federal employee who takes leave without pay in order to perform service as a member of the uniformed services or member of the National Guard shall continue to receive pay in an amount which, when taken together with the pay and allowances such individual is receiving for such service, will be no less than the basic pay such individual would then be receiving if no interruption in employment had occurred. **Pages S3553–55**

Hutchison/Burns Amendment No. 3647 (to Amendment No. 3642), to clarify the availability of funds. **Page S3563**

By 84 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. 98), Akaka Amendment No. 3642, to provide an additional \$430,000,000 for the Department of Veterans Affairs for Medical Services for outpatient and inpatient care and treatment for veterans, as amended. **Pages S3560–64**

**Rejected:**

By 44 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 95), Reid Amendment No. 3604, to provide, with an offset, emergency funding for border security efforts. **Pages S3532–44**

Thomas Amendment No. 3615, in the nature of a substitute. (By 72 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 96), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S3551–52**

Ensign Motion to Recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions that it be reported back with a total net spending not exceeding \$94.5 billion. (By 68 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 97), Senate tabled the motion to recommit.) **Pages S3562–63**

Coburn Amendment No. 3641 (Division I), to prohibit the availability of certain funds for the Rail Line Relocation Capital Grant program. (By 49 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 99), Senate tabled Division I of the amendment.) **Pages S3557–60, S3564–66**

**Pending:**

Harkin/Grassley Amendment No. 3600, to limit the compensation of employees funded through the Employment and Training Administration. **Page S3532**

McCain/Ensign Amendment No. 3616, to strike a provision that provides \$74.5 million to States based on their production of certain types of crops, livestock and or dairy products, which was not included in the Administration's emergency supplemental request. **Page S3544**

McCain/Ensign Amendment No. 3617, to strike a provision providing \$6 million to sugarcane growers

in Hawaii, which was not included in the Administration's emergency supplemental request. **Page S3544**

McCain/Ensign Amendment No. 3618, to strike \$15 million for a seafood promotion strategy that was not included in the Administration's emergency supplemental request. **Page S3544**

McCain/Ensign Amendment No. 3619, to strike the limitation on the use of funds for the issuance or implementation of certain rulemaking decisions related to the interpretation of "actual control" of airlines. **Page S3544**

Warner Amendment No. 3620, to repeal the requirement for 12 operational aircraft carriers within the Navy. **Pages S3544–48**

Warner Amendment No. 3621, to equalize authorities to provide allowances, benefits, and gratuities to civilian personnel of the United States Government in Iraq and Afghanistan. **Page S3544**

Coburn Amendment No. 3641 (Divisions II through XIX), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S3557–60**

Vitter Amendment No. 3627, to designate the areas affected by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita as HUBZones and to waive the Small Business Competitive Demonstration Program Act of 1988 for the areas affected by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita. **Page S3567**

Vitter/Landrieu Amendment No. 3626, to increase the limits on community disaster loans. **Page S3567**

Vitter Amendment No. 3628, to base the allocation of hurricane disaster relief and recovery funds to States on need and physical damages. **Pages S3567–68**

Vitter Modified Amendment No. 3648, to expand the scope of use of amounts appropriated for hurricane disaster relief and recovery to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for Operations, Research, and Facilities. **Pages S3568, S3632**

Wyden Amendment No. 3665, to prohibit the use of funds to provide royalty relief. **Pages S3632–34**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

Chair sustained a point of order against Stabenow Amendment No. 3633, to provide an immediate Federal income tax rebate to help taxpayers with higher fuel costs, as being in violation of rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, which prohibits legislation on appropriation matters, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S3548–50**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, April 27, 2006. **Page S3632**

**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the notification of an Executive Order blocking property of additional

persons in connection with the national emergency with respect to Syria; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–45) **Page S3586**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Patrick Joseph Schiltz, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota. **Pages S3631, S3634**

**Messages From the House:** **Page S3586**

**Measures Referred:** **Pages S3586–87**

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**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S3599–S3624**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S3630–31**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S3631**

**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—99) **Pages S3543, S3543–44, S3552, S3563, S3564, S3566**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:47 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 27, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3632.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### BIOFUELS INDUSTRY

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of the biofuels industry, after receiving testimony from Bob Dinneen, Renewable Fuels Association, Washington, D.C.; Joe Jobe, National Biodiesel Board, Jefferson City, Missouri; Jay Derbertin, CHS, Inc., St. Paul, Minnesota; and Robert C. Brown, Iowa State University Center for Sustainable Environmental Technologies, Ames.